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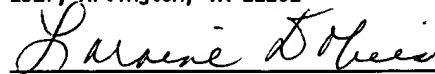
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Submitted herewith are the following:

- (1) Copy of International Search Report issued in the above-referenced PCT application;
- (2) Copies of the cited publications are not enclosed herewith (this is a PCT national phase application), except for WO 99/23261 (corresponding U.S. application filed as Serial No. 09/529,610) and WO 00/73513 (corresponding U.S. application filed November 16, 2001, Serial No. not assigned as yet) which are related to the application being filed presently; and

(3) Substitute for Form PTO-1449A. It is requested that an initialed copy of the substitute form for PTO-1449A be returned to indicate that the publications listed therein have been considered and made of record.

Each of the cited publications is considered relevant or material to the patentability of the present invention in view of the citation thereof in said communication and for the reasons stated in said communication.

The following references are discussed in the specification as follows:

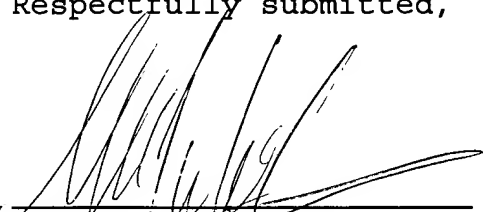
USP 2,992,879 is discussed on page 2 and WO 99/23261 is discussed on page 3.

This is being filed concurrently with the entry into the national phase and, therefore, is timely filed. No late fee is required.

It is therefore respectfully requested that the publications listed in the attached be considered and made "of record".

Respectfully submitted,

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